

Jobs Created: 57 permanent jobs, 15 construction

Description of Project: The City of Rocky Mount has developed a comprehensive Incubator without Walls strategy for the 19 commercial storefronts on the Douglas Block area of downtown Rocky Mount. The Incubator without Walls is a program to assist small and expanding businesses in the first two years as tenants in the Douglas Block. The Douglas Block was once the economic hub of the African-American community, home to restaurants, theaters, retailers, barber/beauty salons, doctors, lawyers and dentists.

Waynesville

Awardees: City of Waynesville, Downtown Waynesville Association, The Strand Dynasty, LLC, Headwaters Brewing Company, Delano's Pizza Company, Haywood County Arts Council

Name of Project: The Strand

Jobs Created: 31 permanent jobs, self-employment opportunities for 36 artists, 30 construction, 1 architectural design position

Description of Project: The Main Street Solutions Fund grant will be used to assist with renovation of the former Strand Theater building, 38 North Main St., in downtown Waynesville, into a multi-use entertainment venue that will house three new businesses. The three businesses are designed to complement each other and create cross-promotion by offering full-service dining, microbrews and entertainment.

Wilson

Awardees: City of Wilson, Wilson Downtown Development Corporation, GPI

Name of Project: Heilig Meyer Building

Jobs Created: 15 full-time, 20 construction, 12 city public works positions

Description of Project: The Main Street Solutions Fund grant will be used to rehabilitate the former Heilig Meyer Furniture store, 113 East Barnes St., in downtown Wilson to be developed for mixed-use. The developer will open a 9,660-sq. ft. downtown entertainment and dining venue called CC Café, featuring concerts, karaoke, comedy, poetry, aerobics, line dancing and trivia contests).

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